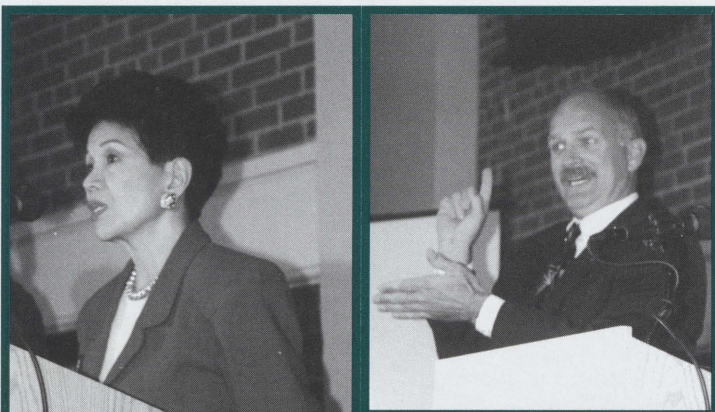




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Members of the campus community gathered in the HMB atrium on October 31 for a presentation by Dr. Elsie Castrence (left), a physician with the Student Health Service, on anthrax. "Fear is our greatest enemy," said Castrence, adding that understanding the disease is the best way to deal with the threat it poses. She explained what anthrax is, how people get it, its symptoms, treatment, and standard precautions to take to keep from getting infected. She said that anthrax is most commonly contracted through skin contact with anthrax spores or by inhaling the spores. It is not contagious. Although a potent strain of anthrax exists for biological warfare, the type that has been found in recent weeks is much weaker, and thousands of spores are needed to infect a person. It takes 1-7 days for a person to develop symptoms, either a skin ulcer or flu-like signs, and several antibiotics are available to treat it. Standard precautions to take for anthrax and all other illnesses are hand washing, particularly before eating, after using the bathroom, and after handling mail, money, and other items that many people may have touched. Dwight Benedict (right), director of housing services, which oversees Gallaudet Postal Services, explained the precautions being taken at the campus post office to protect its workers from anthrax and to identify suspicious mail. He said that all incoming mail is screened by workers, who have been trained on the procedures to take in the event that they come across a questionable item. Campus postal workers have been provided with protective gloves and masks as they handle mail, and they have taken antibiotics as a precautionary measure. Benedict emphasized that anyone who receives a suspicious piece of mail should not touch or open it but contact DOSS immediately. He added that the pick-up and delivery of campus mail takes place later in the day than normal and Saturday service has been stopped until further notice. According to Provost Jane Fernandes, there is a rumor circulating on the Internet related to Gallaudet. This "anthrax scare" rumor is false, she said. No one directly or indirectly associated with Gallaudet is being treated for any form of anthrax. Dr. Fernandes reminds the campus community that spreading rumors only serves to heighten anxiety needlessly. Anyone who receives questionable information is asked to not forward it to others and to not repeat it. Instead, check it out with the provost, who will respond as quickly as possible.

Congressman Bonior to give Commencement address


Congressman David Bonior (D-Mich.) will deliver the commencement address at the University's 133rd commencement exercises on May 17. Bonior, who was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Gallaudet in 1984, is currently a Congressional Trustee. He will step down as Democratic Whip on January 15, 2002 to focus on his campaign for governor of Michigan. He will also be leaving the Gallaudet University Board of Trustees, which he has served on since 1979.

Bonior has been one of Gallaudet's strongest advocates on the Hill during his 24 years in office. He is a firm believer in expanding school-to-work programs that give high school students technical skills to land them good jobs right out of high school. He is also an ardent backer of the Hope Scholarship, the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit, and expanded Pell Grants because he believes expanding educational opportunity is the key to greater prosperity.

When the Deaf President Now (DPN) movement took place in March of 1988, Bonior and other

congressional representatives held a meeting with a group of Gallaudet faculty, staff, students, and administrators to talk about the Board of Trustees' decision to appoint a hearing person as the University's next president. After listening to the comments, Bonior said, "I became overwhelmed by the passion with which they spoke, the depth of their feeling, and the strength of their resolve to see a deaf president at Gallaudet."

When Gallaudet University Press published the book, *The Week The World Heard Gallaudet*, Bonior wrote the Foreword.

Bonior plays basketball with colleagues from both sides of the political aisle. He was one of the pioneers in establishing the Gallaudet Congressional Basketball Classic. Every two years, Congressional Democrats and Republicans don basketball uniforms provided by the National Basketball Association and play in the Gallaudet Field House before a packed house of students, faculty, staff, and friends of the University. 

Swedish deaf studies researcher named Powrie Doctor Chair



Dr. Sangeeta Bagga-Gupta

Dr. Sangeeta Bagga-Gupta has been appointed to the Powrie V. Doctor Chair of Deaf Studies for the academic year 2001-2002.

Bagga-Gupta heads the Communication, Culture and Diversity-Deaf Studies (KKOM-DS) research group at Orebro University in Orebro, Sweden. She is also a senior lecturer and researcher on the faculty of the Department of Education at the university—one of only two university departments in Sweden which offer Swedish Sign Language (SSL) courses and professional teacher education courses for deaf people. It carries the distinction of being the only university department in Sweden that offers both kinds of education.

Research conducted by members of KKOM-DS focuses on ethnicity, literacy, functional disability, gender, class, and other aspects of diversity and how these relate to aspects of democracy. Bagga-Gupta's interests are related to issues of multilingualism with a focus on literacy, human communication, institutional practices, cognition, and culture. Her post-doctoral research has consolidated around deaf education in Sweden and she is especially interested in deaf bilingualism with a focus on literacy.

Sweden has a unique bilingual education system for deaf and hard of hearing people. This system, where SSL is understood as deaf students' "first" language and written Swedish as a "second" language, has existed up to the high school level following a parliamentary decision in 1981. Efforts by members of the KKOM-DS research group in 1996-97 highlighted the need to make SSL available to deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing students and faculty at the university level in Sweden. Developments in the last few years have included a bill introduced in the Swedish parliament that led to the Orebro University Board setting up a task force to put this effort in operation.

Orebro is often called the "deaf capital of Sweden." Sweden's largest preschool, largest compulsory school for deaf and hard of hearing students, all three national high schools for deaf and hard of hearing students, and one of the largest groups of university-bound deaf and hard of hearing students can be found in the city.

During her tenure in the Powrie Doctor Chair, Bagga-Gupta will work on two Swedish classroom research projects and will initiate a comparative cross-cultural discussion on literacy and learning in deaf bilingual arenas. It is hoped that this will form the basis on which a cross-cultural comparative understanding of

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This year's winners for the Bookstore's annual Halloween costume contest included: Buck Rogers (left), funniest, and Ian Sutherland (right), scariest, both of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. Other faculty and staff winners included High Spirited Department, Public Relations; Most Creative (headless lady), Bonnie Sanderlin, catalog technician, Library; Cutest (Raggedy Ann), Julie Reese, human resources information systems technician, Personnel; and Most Original, (Saudi prince), Ralph Fernandez, webmaster, Public Relations. Photos of all faculty, staff, and student costume contest winners for the past three years are on display at the Bookstore through November 21.



DWII Fact

Plenary speakers announced

The list of plenary speakers for the Deaf Way II conference July 8-13, 2002, is almost complete. Confirmed to give presentations, to date, are:

- **Rune Anda**, adoption advocate, Norway. Anda, along with Jamie Berke and Barbara White, both of the United States, ensured that the Deaf Adoption News Service became accredited as a special interest group by the World Federation of the Deaf. He serves on the boards of many Norwegian deaf organizations, such as the Culture Board of the Norwegian Deaf Confederation and the Bergen (Norway) Deaf Association, and has been editor of the association's members' magazine for more than 20 years.
- **Barbara Brauer**, psychologist, United States. Dr. Brauer is one of three deaf American pioneers in mental health and deafness. Her career includes serving for two years as assistant research scientist with the first mental health program for the deaf in the United States, at the New York State Psychiatric Institute, Department of Medical Genetics; 10 years as staff psychologist with the Mental Health Program for the Deaf at Saint Elizabeths Hospital in Washington, D.C.; 14 years as research scientist with the Mental Health Research Program of the Gallaudet Research Institute; and seven years as executive director of the Mental Health Center at Gallaudet University. She is currently a professor with Gallaudet's graduate Department of Counseling and a licensed psychologist in the District of Columbia with a private practice in individual and couples therapy.
- **Danny Delcambre**, chef/businessman, United States. He is the owner and chef of the Ragin' Cajun in Seattle, Wash. His business was named Small Employer of the Year by President Bill Clinton, and Small Business of the Year by the City of Seattle and by the State of Washington. Delcambre is an active member of Washington State Deaf-Blind Citizens and is president of the Board of Directors for the Deaf-Blind Service Center in Seattle.

- **Clark Denmark and Frances Elton**, sign language educators, England. Denmark, who has been called the 'Father of BSL,' became fascinated with sign language research and training as an informant for the Edinburgh British Sign Language Research Project in 1980. At the University of Durham he developed the certificate course for British sign language tutors. He and Elton were sub-editors of the first dictionary of BSL/English. They also helped expanded Durham's Sign Language Studies to Advanced Diploma and master's levels. In 1991, Denmark became the British Deaf Association's director of education and training, then moved the following year to the University of Bristol's Centre for Deaf Studies, where he served as programme director until 1997, and is currently a lecturer. Denmark was the International Chair in the Commission on Sign Language at the 1999 WFD Congress in Brisbane, Australia. Elton is a lecturer in the Department of Language and Communication Science, City University, London. In 1995, she received the University of Durham's postgraduate advanced diploma in the teaching of sign language, and in 2000 she was awarded the Joseph Maitland Robinson Award from the Council for the Advancement in Communication for Deaf People. She has started her Ph.D. in the linguistics area of British Sign Language.

- **Laurene Gallimore**, educator/civil rights advocate, United States. Gallimore is a deaf African American educator who is presently an associate professor in Gallaudet's Department of Education. She has implemented a bilingual/bicultural educational environment for deaf and hard of hearing children and is an expert on the topic of using ASL as the language of instruction. As chair of the Indiana Coalition for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children, she successfully worked on deaf education bills to improve the quality of education for deaf and hard of hearing children.

- **Liisa Kauppinen**, president of the World Federation of the Deaf, Finland

- **Kritsana Lonlua**, community advocate and sign language teacher, Thailand. One of the first members and current board member of the National Association of the Deaf, Thailand, Lonlua earned a certificate in teaching Thai Sign Language from Ratchasuda College in cooperation with Gallaudet's World Deaf Leadership Program.

- **Joseph Murray**, youth specialist, United States. Murray is president of the World Federation of the Deaf's Youth Section and a member of several national and international organizations of deaf people. He has given presentations on youth and deaf studies topics in 12 countries on four continents and visited over 40 coun-

tries. Murray has knowledge of a broad range of signed and written languages. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate and a Presidential Graduate Fellow with the Department of History at the University of Iowa.

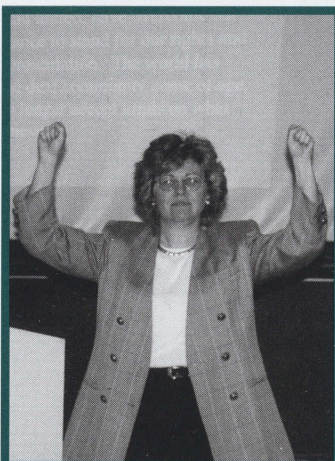
- **Wilma Newhoudt-Druchen**, Deaf Parliament member, South Africa. Newhoudt-Druchen returned to her home in South Africa after graduating from Gallaudet in 1994 as a social worker for the deaf community. She was provincial director of the Deaf Federation of South Africa before becoming a member of Parliament in 1999.
- **Ray Oglethorpe**, president, America Online, United States
- **Dr. Yukata Osugi**, human rights activist, Japan
- **Elena Silianova**, educator/researcher, Russia. Silianova is a teacher at the Moscow School for the Deaf, the Center of Deaf Studies, Bilingual Education. She is also a researcher on deaf education and deaf history and is a board member of the Moscow Deaf Association.
- **Maria Tanya de Guzman**, mental health counselor, Philippines
- **Heidi Zimmer**, rock climber/adventurer, United States. Zimmer, a motivational speaker, is the first deaf person to reach the top of three of the highest mountain peaks of the earth's seven continents. Last year she took part in "Girls on the Move," an event created by Outward Bound that combined a cross-country bicycle expedition with community education celebrating and empowering women.

In addition to the plenary speakers there will be approximately 250 other presentations by speakers. **G**

(Editor's note: Not all of the plenary speakers' complete bios were available by press time.)

AMONG OURSELVES

Dr. Bill McCrone, professor of counseling, and **Dr. Steve Weiner**, associate professor of communication arts, have been elected to the Board of Directors of the American Society for Deaf Children [ASDC].



Dr. Katherine Jankowski, interim dean of the Clerc Center and author of *Deaf empowerment: emergence, struggle, and rhetoric*, talks about 'Deaf Empowerment-What is it?' in the Merrill Learning Center October 30. The lecture was sponsored by the Gallaudet University Library and the Department of Deaf Studies.



The November 1 meeting of Gallaudet's Board of Associates included classroom visits by 17 BOA members to share their expertise with students. (LEFT) Bill Cross (right), a consultant for Coronado Group, Ltd., and Bill Freeman, presi-

dent of the Public Communications Group for Verizon, talk with members of Kathleen Zaccagnini and Sarah Doleac's "First Year Seminar" class. Freeman responds to a question of how he became a BOA member, saying that President Jordan "is a very persuasive individual." (Also Pictured is Interpreter Judith Beldon.) (RIGHT) Robin Pence, director of Corporate Communications for Trends and Technology for Sprint, and Jim Payne, senior vice president for Qwest, take a question in Dr. Rosemary Weller's "Public Speaking" class on



what a deaf person's chances are of getting a job. Pence replied that hearing status is irrelevant. "If you have the best skills, someone is going to hire you," she said. Payne agreed. He said his experience with deaf employees has impressed him with their motivation, "an attitude that they want to prove themselves." (BELOW) Attorney Bennett Stichman and Scott Kragie (not pictured), an attorney with Squire, Sanders, and Dempsey, were guest lecturers in Dr. Margaret Weigers' "Intro to the Criminal Justice System" class. "Criminal law is very complex and evolving; it is a fascinating place to work," Stichman told the class. (Also Pictured is



Interpreter Carolyn Ressler.) On the approval and oversight of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Associates was established in 1991. It currently has 50 members from throughout the United States and Europe. The BOA acts as an advisory board to Gallaudet, assisting in strengthening the University's relationship and influence within the business and philanthropic communities. BOA members assist with fundraising efforts, internship placements, job opportunities, and public awareness of the accomplishments of Gallaudet faculty and graduates. The BOA is chaired by University trustee John Yeh.

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Powrie Doctor Chair

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diversity and everyday life in deaf bilingual school settings could be undertaken. In addition, Bagga-Gupta will work closely with the Department of Education and the Gallaudet Research Institute in projects currently underway at the Clerc Center.

Bagga-Gupta's office is in the Gallaudet Research Institute, HMB S-433; her phone number is x5859. She is available to make presentations to individual classes.

The Powrie V. Doctor Chair of Deaf Studies is supported and administered by the Graduate School and Professional Programs, Gallaudet Research Institute. **G**

CLERC CENTER HAPPENINGS

Parent Weekend

By Rosalinda Ricasa and
Leslie Proctor

About 145 parents and caregivers gathered to meet with teachers, attend workshops, learn about dorm life—and enjoy their children—during Parent Weekend, October 5, 6, and 7, at MSSD. The theme of the weekend was "Many Hands Together."

"The goal was to offer families educational and recreational opportunities through presentations and workshops and to encourage them to become involved in the education of their children," said Leslie Proctor, family educator, who along with Shirley Hampton and Justin Burns, head residential educators, coordinated the workshop. Logistic support for the event came from Assistant Director for Student Life Doris Millios and Family Education Coordinator Leslie Page.

The weekend started with a Friday meeting of Families as Partners, a committee of MSSD personnel and family members that works to support the development of its students. That night, parents met with their children's teachers. On Saturday, Dr. Laurene Gallimore, associate pro-

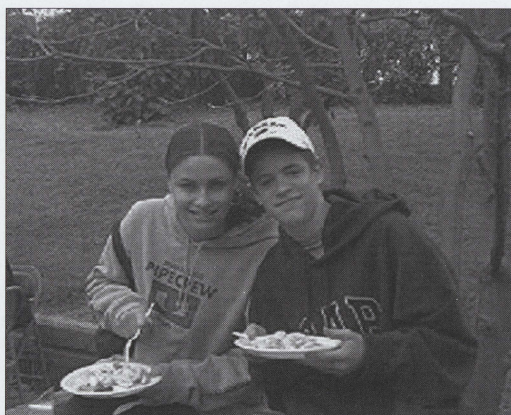
fessor in the Department of Education, delivered an eye-opening keynote address, "Adolescent Development: Deaf and Hearing Perspectives."

Afterward, parents and caregivers chose from several workshops, including: "Transition in High School," by Clerc Center Transition Coordinator Marilyn Galloway; "Adjustment to Residential School: Separation Anxiety," by Personal Counselors Ricky Suiter and Coletta Fidler; "Psychological Testing: What Parents Need to Know," by School Psychologist Eileen O'Toole; and "Family Wellness: How to Get What You Want Without the War," by Proctor.

Saturday afternoon featured technology and exhibits related to deaf organizations and the deaf community. Participants also enjoyed the volleyball tournament, swimming, discussion groups, and relaxing at the newly renovated student hangout, the Eagle Center. They also had the oppor-

tunity to watch the MSSD Eagles defeat the California School for the Deaf-Fremont in a football game.

Sunday morning, the guests were honored at a breakfast. Deborah DeStefano, admissions director at the University and mother of an MSSD graduate and a current student, spoke on the theme of the conference, "Many Hands Together." MSSD students entertained the parents with dances depicting the spirit of America, choreographed by Yola Rosynek. "There were 'many hands' that made this event possible—volunteers, teachers, staff, trainers, presenters, etc.," said Proctor. **G**



MSSD freshman Teddy Wallace and his sister, Taylor, enjoy the October 6 pre-game tailgate cookout during Parent Weekend.



ASK AUNT SOPHIE

Dear Aunt Sophie,

Some people think we should move Gallaudet out of Washington, D.C., because it is a dangerous place, especially now with terrorists and anthrax and who knows what. Why can't Gallaudet be moved to Montana or Vermont—someplace where it's safe?

Why Not

Dear WN,

You must know that it is questions like yours that threaten to thoroughly deplete Auntie's remarkable reservoir of patience.

No, it is definitely not a good idea to move Gallaudet anywhere. Our little island of academic bliss is as integral to the woof and warp of the nation's Capital as the Smithsonian Castle and the Lincoln Memorial, as Union Station and Eastern Market, as Mary McLeod Bethune House and Meridian Hill Park, as—well, you know what I mean.

The very idea of abandoning Kendall Green and setting up shop in, say, Missoula or Butte, is beyond preposterous. It's blasphemous. Auntie can only assume that such a notion springs from a mind that is either overwrought with fear—or with undiluted lily-liveredness.

Snap out of it, I say. Auntie realizes you mean well, but you must see that this kind of thinking is misguided. Gallaudet belongs to Washington. Washington belongs to Gallaudet. Each is enriched by the other.



Svetlana Ushakova, the wife of Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the United States Yuri Ushakov, presents the *History of Moscow* to President Jordan and Linda Jordan during an October 30 visit to House One.

WHAT'S HAPPENING... AND WHEN

November:

15-Thrift Savings Plan open season begins

22-23-Thanksgiving Holiday

23-24-Men's Basketball hosts Gallaudet Holiday Tournament (Gallaudet, Franklin and Marshall College, Philadelphia Science College, and Averett College)

24-25-Women's Basketball hosts

Gallaudet Holiday Tournament (Gallaudet; Hanover College, Hendricks College, and Randolph-Macon College)

28-Women's Basketball vs. St. Mary's College, 6 p.m.; Men's Basketball vs. St. Mary's College, 8 p.m.



Dr. Judith Mounty, director of the Center for ASL Literacy, gives blood at the American Red Cross Community blood drive held in the Ely Auditorium on October 24. The campus community donated 44 pints of blood.

International Internship Program offers invaluable experience

The Center for Global Education's International Internship Program has 10 students in its unique program this fall.

The IIP is a non-degree program and provides people working with deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the international community an opportunity to study at Gallaudet. This is a big plus for these individuals, who don't have the same high-caliber system for educating deaf and hard of hearing individuals in their home country.

According to Sharon Hayes, international program specialist with CGE, "Enrollment is limited to professionals working with deaf and hard of hearing people, educators, Fulbright scholars, scholars who are currently enrolled in a university or professional training school, or individuals who have completed a university degree in their country."

The students in the program this semester come from China,

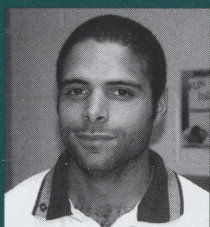
Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, India, Ireland, and Japan.

Yasunori Akishima, a student from Japan, is studying deaf education and deaf culture. Japan currently uses traditional oral education, and he hopes to incorporate bilingual-bicultural educational methods. Dijana Vincek, a student from Croatia, wants to develop a formal interpreter training program for working with deaf-blind people in Croatia.

Other students are interested in learning about other topics unique to the United States, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act. Stephen Wilke, from Germany, who is sponsored by Congressman David Bonior's (D-Mich.) office, wants to learn more about the ADA and how the United States represents the interests of deaf people. He also wants to see first-hand how the National Association of the Deaf represents the deaf and hard of hearing community. **G**

ROVING REPORTER

What did you do with the extra hour you received as a result of daylight savings time?



Elijah Gold, technical service specialist, Academic Technology:

I spent more time resting after spending two- and one-half months coaching women's soccer. The 60-plus hours a week of working took its toll on me, and I appreciated getting some rest and having an extra hour over the weekend!



Julie Reese, human resources information systems technician, Personnel:

I took advantage of the extra hour to finish up my Christmas crafts for a party at the end of the month.



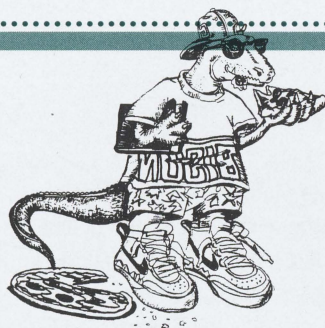
Richard Coco, sports information director, Athletics:

I used the extra hour to spend time with my family. My wife and I went home to visit my parents, my brother, and my sister-in-law, and we took advantage of the extra 60 minutes by catching up with each other's lives.



Emilia Chukwuma, associate professor, Accounting:

I spent the extra hour on my computer reading and responding to e-mail.



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Kelly Green-family ties



Kelly Green with daughter, Kayla, and son, Jack.


Kelly Green and her two children, Jack, 9 and Kayla, 7, were among the first families of a Gallaudet student to reside in the Kendall Green apartments, as part of a program allowing families to live on campus with their children. And they are all the better for it.

"We stayed there for four years, and if it weren't for that, it wouldn't have been possible to go to Gallaudet and graduate," said Green. "My kids enjoyed living on campus, and it was less stressful for me because I could be a student and a mother at the same time on campus. Plus, everyone here was very supportive of me."

Last summer, the Green family, which is originally from Orlando, Fla., moved to Frederick, Md. Green, a double major in therapeutic recreation and leadership and programming recreation, has set multiple goals for herself. Among them is setting up a day camp for deaf children in Frederick. There is another aspiration for Green, who was a three-year member of the swim team—teaching swimming to deaf children in Frederick. Her wish was granted when Roelkey Meyers, director of recreation for Frederick, asked her to teach swimming to deaf children.

Green also had an exciting

summer internship that expanded her horizons. She worked at the Brunswick, Md., City Hall with Geri Reynolds, recreation coordinator for the town. Both Reynolds and Green studied under Dr. Anne Simonsen, professor and coordinator of the Recreation and Leisure Studies Program in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation—albeit at different schools. Simonsen taught at Hood College in Frederick from 1979 to 1987, where she taught Reynolds, before coming to Gallaudet in 1987, where she taught Green. "Geri taught me everything there is to know about the job, from A-Z," said Green. "I learned how to apply for grants, how to set up different events and activities, how to run a pool, what permits are needed for specific things."

Green returned the favor by teaching a free sign language class to any interested Brunswick town employee, including members of the fire department, police department, city hall employees, and the mayor himself. The class was such a success that Green was asked to teach another class. She also was asked to teach a sign language class on Wednesdays to a National Recreation and Park Agency in Virginia. 

Priority Research Fund awards announced

The Priority Research Fund of the Gallaudet Research Institute announces its research awards for Fiscal Year 2002 (October 2001 to September 2002):


- **Benjamin Bahan and Dirksen Bauman (Deaf Studies)**—"Narrative, Identity, and Theory in Deaf Studies."
- **Cynthia Bailes, Carol Erting, Lynne Erting, Dan Mathis, Charles Reilly, Mala Kleinfeld, and Marlon Kuntze (Education, GRI, Clerc Center)**—"Signs of Literacy: Case Studies of Deaf Children Becoming Bilingual."

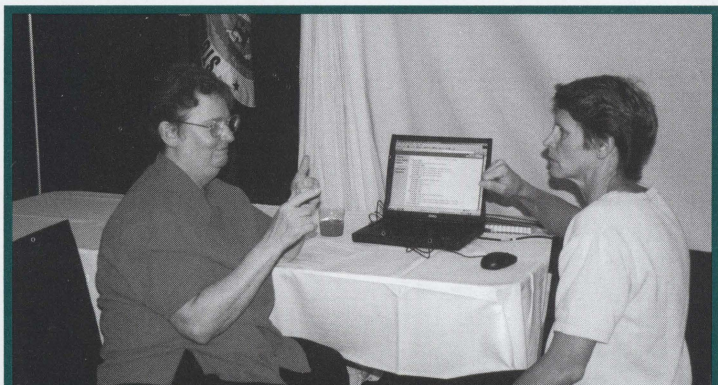
- **Dragana Barac-Cikoja (Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology)**—"Self-monitoring during speech articulation by hard of hearing and normal hearing listeners."
- **Patrick Brice and Talibah Buchanan (Psychology)**—"Parental attachment representations and child attachment, self-concept, and adjustment in hearing families with deaf children."
- **Sarah Taub, Dennis Galvan and Pilar Pinar (ASL, Linguistics and Interpretation, Psychology, Foreign Languages and Literatures)**—"Language Gesture in Cross-Linguistic Perspective."

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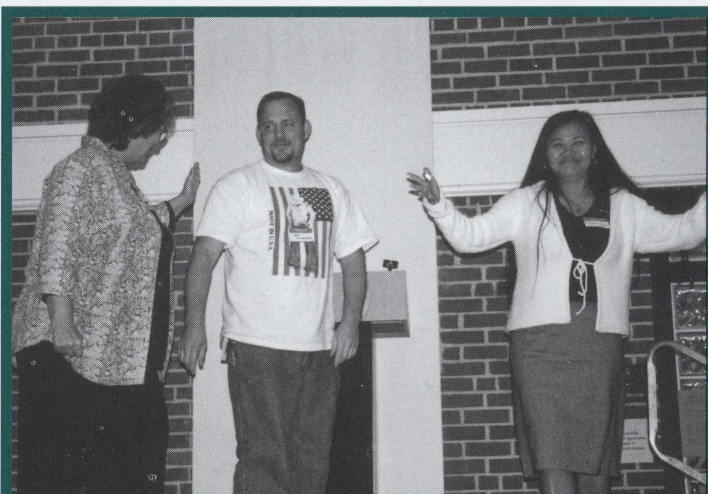
The Priority Research fund is designed to support research projects throughout the campus in areas that have been determined to be of high importance to the University. Michael Karchmer, GRI director noted, "Research is a key component in the University's stated goal of identifying and providing educational services to deaf and hard of hearing people of all ages in ways that reflect best available practices. We are pleased to support these important research studies."

After public input and much discussion, GRI has produced a revised set of 12 research priorities that allow campus researchers to conduct both basic and applied research on important issues using a wide range of methods. A listing of the GRI's current research priorities is available on the web at <http://gri.gallaudet.edu>. The abstracts for these research studies can be found on the GRI web site.

For more information, contact the fund's officer, Charles Reilly, at x5794 or via e-mail. 



Barbara Kannapell (left), adjunct professor in the Deaf Studies Department, shows Camilla Lange, assistant professor in the Mathematics and Computer Science Department, how she teaches an online course, during the E-curriculum showcase sponsored by Academic Technology on October 24.



Mentor Patricia Yates, instructor/evaluator with the Center for ASL Literacy, congratulates her mentee, James Buckmaster, after successfully answering a question about him during the mentor/mentee introductory meeting last month, as Thuan Nguyen, mentoring coordinator, applauds. The new program is run by the Provost's Office. Every freshman who wants a mentor will receive one to help guide him or her through the first year of college. Over 200 freshmen have been paired up with a mentor to date.

Limbaugh brings sudden deafness in adults into the spotlight

The announcement by radio personality Rush Limbaugh that he is losing his hearing has made sudden deafness in adults a topic for the dinner table in many households.

The Audiology Clinic has been a leading source of information for the media requesting information about this subject. ABC News came to the audiology clinic for an interview, the day of Limbaugh's recent announcement, and several newspapers around the country have also contacted clinic staff for information.


According to Elena Kleifges, director of clinical services in the Audiology and Speech Department, sudden hearing loss occurs to one in 5,000 adults per year. After some type of medical intervention, results are mixed. "There are three main theories regarding the cause of sudden hearing loss: viral, vascular, and some form of membrane rupture," she said. "In about one-third of these cases, hearing is not restored, another one-third have total recovery in about 7-10 days, and the last one-third have partial recovery."

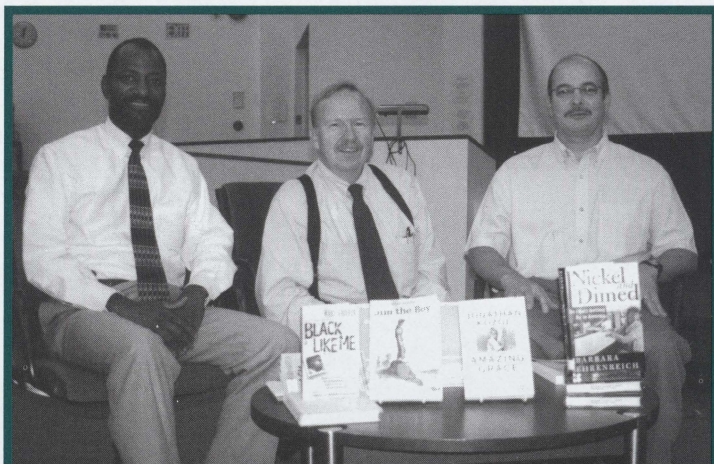
Of course, there are many people who experience hearing

loss at a much slower pace.

However, Kleifges said the reactions of these two groups of people are usually different.

"Someone who experiences sudden hearing loss usually seeks help immediately because it is so sudden and foreign to them. It is sometimes accompanied by other symptoms like tinnitus and dizziness, but not always, and this usually prompts a person to seek help," she explained. On the other hand, someone who experiences gradual hearing loss may refuse to get their hearing checked because of denial, among other reasons.

Kleifges advises anyone who has experienced hearing loss, whether it is sudden or gradual, to seek immediate medical and audiological attention, particularly if the individual experiences tinnitus or dizziness. "It could be isolated to hearing loss or could be associated with various other medical problems," she said. "If the hearing loss is not sudden, but a person feels that their hearing ability has gradually been changing in some way, then they should see an audiologist for a hearing test." 



Edgar Palmer, director of the Tutorial Center; Dr. Robert Williams, professor of psychology; and Dr. James Fernandes, professor of communication studies, discuss books they have read at the Library's "What's Between The Covers?" program on October 24. Titles they discussed included *Black Like Me*, *Jim the Boy*, *Nickle and Dime*, and *Amazing Grace*.